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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20065

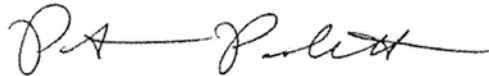
*Re: The FCC Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on
Communications Systems*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, 22 June 2006, Damon Ladson and undersigned counsel representing M/A-COM, Inc. met with Bruce Gottlieb, Wireless Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to review M/A-COM's *Further Comments to the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications* (May 30, 2006) in which M/A-COM recommended that the panel recommend that the Commission modify public safety licenses to require mutual aid channels to be constructed and such channels be connected, at a State's discretion and subject to grant funding, to Internet Protocol ("IP")-capable Public Safety Answering Points or IP gateways that could connect to an IP interoperability network.

M/A-COM also recommended in its *Further Comments* that the panel recommend that the Commission require the States, as part of their Statewide Interoperable Communications Plans, to integrate all previously constructed mutual aid channels and become the licensee for such channels that have not yet been constructed, in order to improve disaster preparedness and response.

Respectfully submitted,



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